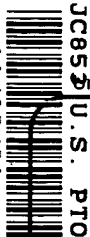


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| Attorney Docket No. | P-7627 |
| First Inventor | Morris Haney |
| Title | Submersible Pump Drop Pipe . . . |
| Express Mail Label No. | EL518587191US |

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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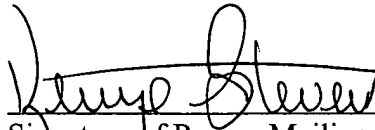
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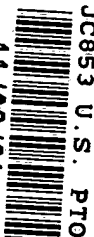
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